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TO : Security Officer/CIA
FROM : Deputy Security Officer/CIA
SUBJECT: ARTICHOKE.

8 March 1952

A [REDACTED] Reference is made to the memorandum of 3 March 1952 from [REDACTED] concerning this subject.

From the substance of the attached report it appears that the exploration for new wonder drugs, new scientific devices, new chemicals and other related means have not, on the basis of present exploration, produced any guidance or information which is of practical value to our Project. It is believed that the negligible results have been from the following factors:

(a) The exploration mission by OSI has not been properly thought out nor sufficiently specific; with the result that they have wandered through a tremendous field of science without a definite mission in mind.

(b) OSI has been looking within the scientific field for one means which will be the answer for ARTICHOKE, when in all probability no one means will be the answer but a series of elements may contribute to a satisfactory ARTICHOKE approach.

(c) The OSI approach has been purely scientific and not operational, with the result that we are "putting the cart before the horse" in this program.

It is my feeling that scientific exploration of this field for ARTICHOKE purposes is highly necessary and that this could be a continuing project with OSI. From time to time we might initiate or subsidize certain types of research which do show unusual potentiality.

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A On the other hand, I still feel that I&SO is pursuing the right line, namely, the combination of drug and hypnosis. We are driving at operational use not new discoveries in the scientific field. We may, from the OSI viewpoint, be using old tools; however, if we perfect their use we will be achieving much more operationally than establishing a large library of interesting scientific reports. It is, therefore, my recommendation that we pursue our line of activity to the greatest extent possible and directly interview sources of information ourselves to obtain guidance, information and backing on the straight operational approach as we see it. To this end, we should pick up [REDACTED] as a consultant and be prepared to use him operationally as the occasion demands. In addition, we should use a doctor from Medical Staff for operational use and research as directed, and if [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

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unwilling to supply a doctor for this purpose we should obtain our own doctor. We, at the same time, should coordinate with OSI from the standpoint of general scientific research.

C What we basically need is practical application against straight operational cases. After the establishment of a competent team using [REDACTED] and a medic, we should seek from the branches difficult operational cases for team use and endeavor to perfect our technique. In this line, nothing succeeds like success and if we can crack open one tough case we are well on the road to verifying our theory.

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